

Getting Started with *Writing Matters*

Welcome to Writing Matters! We have created an account for you and setup a 6 month trial classroom. Your username and password will come in a separate email.

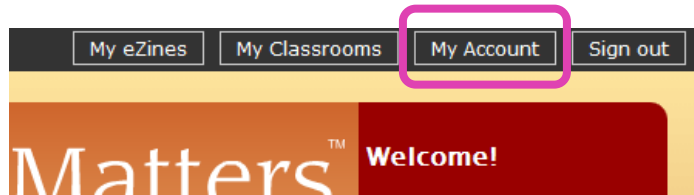
To get started, please login to Writing Matters <http://www.writingmatters.org>



After you login, you will notice four links in the upper-right hand corner.

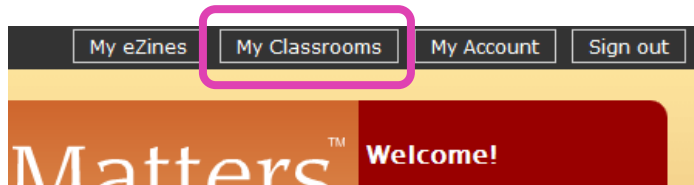


1. The first is your **Account:**



This area allows you to change your personal information as well as your password.

2. The second area is your **Classrooms:**



This area houses your 6 month classroom trial with the unit you selected at the conference. The next page has a diagram of the different features of the classroom.

When you click on "My Classrooms" it will bring you to a landing page where all your classrooms would be listed. We have created a single classroom for your trial. Click on the title to enter.



Breadcrumbs
for navigating
between
different
classrooms

Animated Content – each unit
has a set of animations to
help students go through the
writing process.

Professor P's office
contain mentor
texts and additional
resources

Follow along with
DD and JT as they
go through the unit.

Turn editing to add
and modify
activities

Teacher Resources:

Detailed Lesson
Plans, Handouts
and Visuals.

Only Teachers can
see this "block"

Interactive Activities. We have populated
each unit with a set of interactive activities.
As a teacher you can use ours, or modify
them to fit your classroom needs.

3. The third area to explore is your **eZines**:

Your eZine is your classroom publishing tool where you can celebrate your students' writing and connect with the Writing Matters community.

Student writing is categorized in this block by section. As a teacher you also see a row of icons under each piece that allows you to control the student writing. Mouse-over each icon to see what it does

The screenshot shows the Writing Matters eZine interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with "Writing Matters", "Welcome back: bill", and links for "My eZines", "My Account", and "Sign out". On the left, a sidebar titled "NCTE eZine" lists sections like "Poetry" and "This is my Poem!". The main content area displays a list of poems under the "NCTE eZine" header. Two poems are shown in detail: "My list poem" by ebllye and "My List Poem" by nate_d. Each poem entry includes the title, author, date, and a "Your vote:" section with five stars. The "My list poem" entry also has a "When I am with others" section. On the right, there's a "Site Search:" box and an "eZine Settings" box with options like "Create a new eZine", "Edit this eZine (Control Panel)", and "Submit Writing to this eZine".

Create a new eZine and edit the current eZine. Here you can change the settings, writing categories, and the theme of the eZine as well as manage your students' usernames and passwords.

Please also take a look at the Student Registration handout that outlines how your students can register and join both your eZine and online classroom.